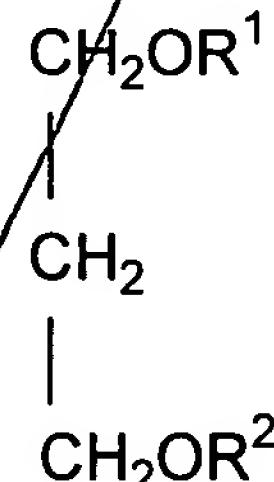


27. (Twice Amended) A compound having the formula:



wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of fatty acid acyl groups of 12 to 30 carbon atoms and fatty alcohol groups of 12 to 30 carbon atoms, and wherein R² is selected from the group consisting of H, fatty acid acyl groups of 12 to 30 carbon atoms and fatty alcohol groups of 12 to 30 carbon atoms, the same as or different from R¹, [and the residue of a nutrient, drug, or other bioactive compound] wherein the fatty acid acyl groups are selected from the group consisting of γ -linolenic acid (GLA), dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (DGLA), arachidonic acid (AA), adrenic acid, stearidonic acid (SA), eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), docosapentaenoic acid n-3, docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), columbinic acid (CA), parinaric acid and conjugated linoleic acid (cLA) groups.

Please add the following new claim.

--95. The compound according to claim 93, wherein R¹ and R² are both eicosapentaenoic acid moieties.--